

**Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20554**

In the Matter of)	
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Connect America Fund)	WC Docket No. 10-90
)	
Wireline Competition Bureau Publishes and Requests)	
Comment on Rate-of-Return Study Areas Potentially)	
100 Percent Overlapped by Unsubsidized)	
Competitors)	

COMMENTS OF CENTURYLINK¹

CenturyLink, Inc. (CenturyLink) submits these comments in response to the Wireline Competition Bureau's (WCB) request for comment on rate-of-return study areas potentially 100 percent overlapped by unsubsidized competitors.² In the Public Notice the WCB identified CenturyLink as one of four competitive providers that is providing service within certain census blocks contained within study area 160135 of Warwick Valley – NJ. CenturyLink has reviewed the overlap census blocks between CenturyLink and Warwick Valley – NJ as identified by the WCB. CenturyLink hereby states that while we serve locations with voice and broadband service in portions of certain census blocks that partially overlap the Warwick Valley – NJ study area we do not offer voice and broadband service to all locations within those census blocks.³ As

¹ This filing is made on behalf of CenturyLink, Inc. and its subsidiary entity that is an incumbent local exchange carrier in New Jersey, namely United Telephone Company of New Jersey, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink (United of New Jersey).

² Public Notice, *Wireline Competition Bureau Publishes and Requests Comment on Rate-of-Return Study Areas Potentially 100 Percent Overlapped by Unsubsidized Competitors*, DA 17-760, WC Docket No. 10-90 (rel. Aug. 11, 2017) (Public Notice).

³ United of New Jersey provides voice and broadband services in areas certificated by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities. However, those areas do not directly correlate with the FCC's census blocks.

such, CenturyLink cannot certify that it is offering voice and broadband service to all locations in the relevant overlap census blocks.

Respectfully submitted,

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